

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application.

It has come to the attention of the undersigned that the amendments to claim 1 (changing "machining" to "honing") necessitated changes also in the dependent claims. The claims 6 to 11 have been amended accordingly.

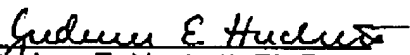
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate to be **contacted by e-mail** to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

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